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SURVEY ON BPL FAMILIES
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted in the country, especially in Bihar, to identify the people living Below Poverty Line (BPL);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the time by which this survey is likely to be conducted; and

(d) the name of the agency conducting the survey?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Rural Development provided financial and technical assistance to the States and UTs to conduct the BPL Census in the beginning of a Five Year Plan to identify the BPL families in the rural areas who could be provided assistance under various programmes of the Ministry. For the 10th Five Year Plan, the guidelines were issued for conducting the BPL Census 2002, however, its results have been delayed because of the stay order passed by the Supreme Court on 5.5.2003 while hearing the Writ Petition No.196 of 2001 in the matter of PUCL V/s Union of India. The BPL Census is conducted by the State Governments through door-to-door survey covering 100% rural households. The survey is conducted by the State Government agencies.
The BPL Census, 2002 is to be conducted by using the methodology of Score Based Ranking of the rural households for which 13 socio-economic parameters have been prescribed. After the vacation of the stay on 14.2.2006 by the Supreme Court, the process of finalizing the BPL list, after getting it approved by the Gram Sabha and completion of two-stage appeal mechanism, is in progress in the States including Bihar. The Survey work under BPL Census 2002 has already been completed in almost all the States including Bihar.